

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2017

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 17 members present. He introduced **Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins** and invited him to present his display on **Aspects of Russia**.



Marcus showed a range of different subjects which illustrated the breadth and depth of the philatelic study of Russia. His first item was produced in 1788 and was a decree from Catherine the Great as regards horses for imperial messages. Another cover of 1790 was to the military for the supply of cannon fuses. There were from St Petersburg a number of different post-marks. There were a number of items of postal history such as a timetable for mail coaches, a ticket for travel on a mail coach and a requisition of postal horses. The items were numerous and varied – postal documents, essays, correspondence, damaged mail, printed matter, newspaper wrappers, and propaganda postcards to name but a few. The second part of the evening was given over mainly to Russian prison mail.

An interesting and extensive collection of material enjoyed by the members. The meeting closed at 21.45 hours after thanks to Marcus.

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